



TOWN OF VERNON

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Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 14, 2013

- 1.0 Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM at the Vernon Historical Society. Members present were Hurd, Saucier, Iacobello, Quinn and Nelson. Also present was Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Bruce Dinnie, Director, Parks & Recreation. Bill Lanzman of Chaplin, and Natalie Holly, Bristol, RI, both students at Roger Williams College in Rhode Island were present to observe.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1 Public Hearing, October 10, 2013 AND
 - 2.2 Regular Meeting, October 10, 2013 – A motion was made by Saucier and seconded by Iacobello to approve the minutes of both the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2013. The motion was approved with Iacobello abstaining from the Public Hearing and Quinn abstaining from both.
- 3.0 Communications
 - 3.1 No correspondence was received.
- 4.0 Review of the PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications
 - 4.1 Waiver of Demolition Delay – 28 Mountain Street, Rockville – Pasquazzi Brothers has requested a waiver of the ninety day demolition delay for this house. The outward appearance does not show it is beyond repair and there was no information provided. A motion was made by Iacobello, seconded by Quinn and unanimously voted to table the request until the next meeting. The owner will be contacted and members will visit the site.
 - 4.2 Waiver of Demolition Delay – 220 East Main Street, Rockville – This house has been vacant for years and is in poor shape both inside and outside. A motion was made by Quinn, seconded by Saucier and unanimously approved to grant the waiver of the ninety day demolition delay for 220 East Main Street.
 - 4.3 Zone change request – One Court Street/East Main Street – Northeast Retail Leasing & Management has requested a zone change from Industrial to Retail. A hearing is scheduled at the PZC meeting of November 21. Following discussion a motion was made by Quinn seconded by Saucier and unanimously approved to write to the PZC suggesting that they wait until the Village Overlay District is approved before action is taken on the request for a zone change for One Court Street.
- 5.0 Unfinished Business
 - 5.1 Design Guidelines for Historic Districts and Properties – Booklets have been hand distributed in the Talcottville district. Non-resident owners will receive their copies by mail.
 - 5.2 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower and Hockanum Company House – No report.
 - 5.3 Talcottville Transportation Improvements Project – Maintenance Issues – Bruce Dinnie, Director, Parks and Recreation received comments from Richard Quinn, member of the Historic Talcottville Association. Concerns expressed:
 - a. Garden placement is too low to be properly seen.
 - b. Bushes along the parking lot will need trimming as they mature.
 - c. Kiosk structure looks like it doesn't fit
 - d. Street lights are on part of the street only. Who is responsible for repair?
 - e. Overnight parking on the street and on the front lawns.
 - f. Split rail fence in front of the mill – Who is responsible for repair?Bruce explained the history of the project. He has three Master Gardeners who provided much of the town's landscaping/gardening work. He will renovate the garden in the spring and raise the level.

Richard Quinn offered the assistance of the Association with the regular maintenance of this garden and will meet Bruce at the site to discuss the options. Historic type of flowers was suggested. The sign on Elm Hill Road needs to be reworded to indicate that one is leaving the district. At present both sides of the sign says that one is entering the district. It was suggested that the kiosk have a map that will show the entire district and indicate locations of the other informational signs. At the completion of the mill renovation the district will have a “mill village concept” that will lend itself to use of this kiosk as a visitor’s center with a purpose to provide appropriate information.

- 5.4 Commission membership – Chairman Hurd discussed the membership of Carol Nelson, part-time employee for the cemetery with Mayor Champagne who said he saw no conflict with the state statute. Two additional appointments will be made at the next Town Council meeting.
- 5.5 Rockville Village District Overlay Zone – A meeting was held to discuss the proposal. No action has been taken.

6.0 New Business - none

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

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Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

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Dec 12, 2013

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